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OREGON WEATHER
Fair tonight, Wednesday fair
and cooler; gentle northwesterly winds.

FINANCIAL FRIGHTFULNESS

The famous billion-dollar indemnity imposed on France by Prussia in 1871 has certainly come home to roost, bringing a big brood with it.

Germany is obligated to pay the allies 20 times that much within the next five years. After that there will be many more billions, the precise amount being determined by Germany's ability to pay, over a period of 25 years.

What the Germans are now concerned with, however, is the sum immediately payable. And in order to raise it they are confronted by a program which can be described as nothing less than financial frightfulness.

Never has there been anything like it, any more than there was ever anything like German military frightfulness. The present government is preparing "levies on capital" which constitute literal confiscation.

Possessions under \$1,250 will not be touched, save by ordinary taxation. Above that figure the rate of seizure is progressive, rising from 10 to 65 per cent. The latter rate applies to properties of \$750,000 or more.

The plan, if formally adopted by the German parliament, will become effective as rapidly as the properties can be liquidated. It will take half of all the wealth of the rich, and one-third of all the wealth of Germany.

What a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

THE BREAKING FARMER

A recent editorial in the Country Gentleman advised farmers not to move to town, but to remain on the farm and keep it up.

In reply one farmer wrote that he had worked on the farm for 31 years—ever since he was 14, that he and his wife were "breaking" that a farmer is a prisoner at hard labor, and that rather than take frequent trips to town over eight miles of the "worst road in the world," they preferred to leave the farm and go to town and live.

Thirty-one and 14 make 45. A man of 45 "breaking," leaving his business and moving away! The average city man of 45 is just getting his stride, looking forward to twenty years more, at least, and keen for the game.

It would be a sad indictment of the business of farming, were it not that modern farm machinery and the application of business methods to farming are making these cases fewer year by year.

Farm work is hard, but the periods of over-activity are counter-balanced by times when there is comparatively little to do. And if the farmer will avail himself of all the aids that are accessible to men in

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his business, is there any more reason why he should be "breaking" at 45 than his city brother?

As for being separated from neighbors and town by eight miles, or 80, of "the worst roads in the world," that is a matter the control of which lies largely in the hands of the farmers themselves.

As proof of their sincerity in wanting to cooperate with other cities in advertising Southern Oregon, the Medford Commercial Club is now using letterheads containing the following advice: "For information pertaining to the Oregon Caves, address the Chamber of Commerce, Grants Pass, Ore." Directly beneath is, "For information pertaining to Lithia Water, address Commercial Club, Ashland, Ore." In the opposite corner is a picture of a push-button, encircled with the wording, "What Made Medford? PUSH."

Becoming tired of raising trout fry for fertilizing farmers' fields, the fish and game commission has announced that hereafter any person operating an irrigation ditch or canal, and securing their supply of water from a stream, must provide a satisfactory fish screen. The commission recommends the Aitken revolving, self-cleaning, fish screen. State Game Warden Shoemaker says there is a stiff little fine awaiting those who fail to provide a satisfactory screen for their ditches.

Marshfield sportsmen are grooming L. J. Simpson of North Bend to enter the next gubernatorial race, "because he is a genuine sportsman, has a reputation for fairness, and will see to it that the commercial fishermen do not monopolize the streams." It might be added that Mr. Simpson is also a broad-minded successful business man and a sincere booster for the State of Oregon.

It is well enough for a rancher to burn brush on his own land, but he hardly has license to start a blaze

and then go off fishing while the flames creep over on other people's holdings and destroys their timber. As Mutt said to the cat, "for goodness sake, use discretion."

Billy Sunday won the hearts of Ashland people by his acrobatic stunts, earnest appeal and prayerful pleading. And then there were a great many who attended services just to get a glimpse of "Ma" Sunday. Billy and his "Ma" never fail to draw an audience.

Chief McLane's idea of ordering automobile owners to properly park their cars on Sixth street is a good one. There is no more excuse for being a jay "parker" than there is for being a jay driver. Point your Lizzie in the proper direction.

This is one year that the fruit grower's grin is as broad as that of the rancher who has plenty of water to pour on his alfalfa field.

NOTICE OF BOND REDEMPTION

Notice is hereby given to owners and holders of FIRE AUTO BONDS of the city of Grants Pass that at the semi-annual interest payment period on the 17th day of August, 1919, the city of Grants Pass, Josephine county, Oregon, will redeem the following outstanding FIRE AUTO BONDS, viz: Bonds numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, said bonds were issued and dated August 17th, 1911.

Said bonds will be redeemed at the office of the city treasurer of the city of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, on the 17th day of August, 1919, which is the time fixed for such redemption, and the time at which interest shall be taken up and cancelled by virtue of the laws and acts providing for issuing of such bonds. Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, this 21st day of July, 1919. G. P. JESTER, City Treasurer

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EXPERT LADY RIDERS OF ENGLAND



This photograph shows some of the expert lady riders of the International Riding school at Parkgate, Chester, England. During the war Lieutenant Hingston broke in horses for the government and he now trains hunters and polo ponies.

PRISONERS MUST WAIT 8 MONTHS FOR TRIAL

Juarez, Mex., July 21.—It will be eight months, approximately, before the trial of the men captured when Villa forces made an incursion into this town June 14 and 15 is completed. This apparent delay is due in part to the demoralized conditions of communications in Mexico and in part to the tangle of formality that must be unravelled before all the facts the prisoners want to get before the court can be presented.

There were 43 of these men captured, but one was released soon afterward, having shown to the satisfaction of the court that he was not a participant in the fighting here. The men all are charged with banditry, and, according to Judge Jesus M. Cuen, before whom they are on trial, even if found guilty none will be executed. The law does not provide for execution of persons convicted of this offense, the judge said, adding, however, that all who were convicted would be punished.

GRASSHOPPERS FROZEN IN MONTANA GLACIER

Missoula, Mont., July 21.—Motion pictures of Montana's beauty spots as a means of advertising the scenic assets of the state are to be taken under the direction of F. A. Fenn, assistant district forester, with headquarters here. The pictures are to be shown at the Montana state fair next fall and elsewhere, and will be accompanied by a lecture by Mr. Fenn.

In the course of numerous trips about the state, Mr. Fenn has developed a familiarity with the pastoral wonders of the commonwealth, and will seek to spread a knowledge of them among the people of this section. One of his favorite scenic discoveries is a "grasshopper glacier" in the Absaroka national forest, north of Yellowstone national park.

"I don't believe there are a thousand persons in the United States who know about that," he said recently. "Years ago, so many that we can only guess at the number, a great swarm of locusts must have invaded that locality. Then suddenly there came a terrific snowstorm, and they were caught in it. A glacier was formed and you can go there today and pick the perfectly preserved specimens out of the ice."

Song That is Deathless.

"The timeless bard of home," John Howard Payne, was born in New York city, June 9, 1792, and his song is one of those which gained immediate popularity, but enriched all who handled it except the author. It came to be written in this manner: While Charles Kemble was manager of the Covent Garden theater, London, in 1823, he bought a quantity of Payne's writings, among which was a play entitled "Clarel, the Maid of Milan." Payne was almost starving in a garret in Paris, when he altered this play into an opera and introduced into it the words of "Home, Sweet Home." So tremendous was the immediate success that over 100,000 copies were sold during the first year. The great Patti constantly sang it in this country when on tour 90 years ago, and in fact it appeared for years on programs throughout Europe and the United States.

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